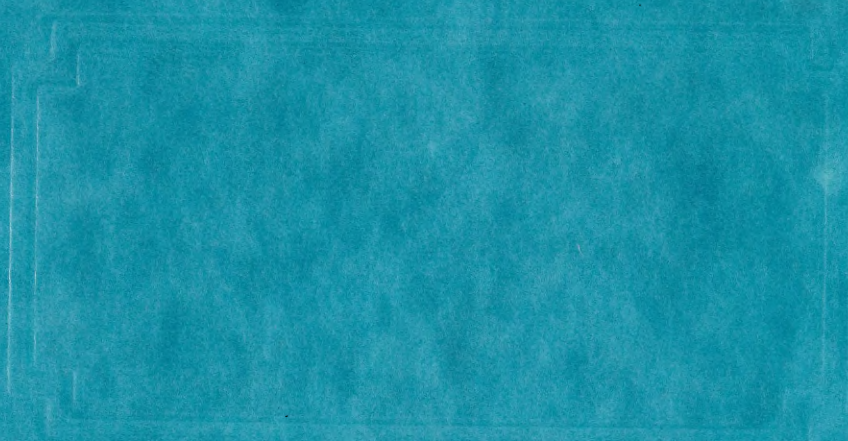


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SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE ONTARIO RACING COMMISSION
FOR THE YEAR 1955



January 20, 1956.

The Honourable Leslie M. Frost, Q. C., M.P.P.,
Prime Minister of Ontario,
Parliament Buildings,
Queen's Park,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Racing Commission Act, 1950, and amendments thereto, we submit the sixth annual report of the Ontario Racing Commission, dealing with the operations of the Commission up to and including November 8, 1955, the last day of thoroughbred racing that year.

Yours faithfully,

S. Tupper Bigelow, Magistrate,
Chairman

Donald A. Macintosh,
Vice-Chairman

John W. Hanna,
Member

C. S. McKee,
Member

PERSONNEL OF COMMISSION

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The Commission during the past year consisted of:

Chairman.....Magistrate S. Tupper Bigelow, Q.C.
Vice-Chairman.....Donald A. Macintosh, M.C.
Members.....John W. Hanna, M.P.P.
Brigadier C. S. McKee, C.B.E.

The Officials of the Commission were:

Supervisor of Racing.....W. J. Risewick
Supervisor of Harness Racing.....Charles Lamb
Secretary-Treasurer.....Miss Mona H. Rundle
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.....Miss Joy A. Penney
Accountant.....Mrs. Florence Wells
Commission Stewards.....R. van den Bergh, Wilbert Webber
Commission Public Relations Officer.....W. A. Hewitt
Commission Analyst.....Ralph Bull, Provincial Analyst
Commission Veterinary Surgeons.....R. W. Ford, M.R.C.V.S., D.V.M.,
Thomas B. Buckley, V.S., and J. R. Lockhart, D.V.M.,
Dr. Roy Baldwin (Summer Trots)
Chief of Security Bureau.....Colonel F. A. Blake
Deputy Chief, Security Bureau.....W. R. McAllister
Commission Clerk.....James Irvine

The employees of the Commission were:

Assistants to Commission Veterinary Surgeons:.....Joseph Slattery,
Roderick Arthur, William Norris
Assistant to Commission Clerk.....Roderick McArthur
In Charge of Tattooing Horses.....Samuel Hall
Assistant in Tattooing Horses.....H. Kenyon

Security Officers.....John Aldersley, John D. Beaton,
 Cecil G. Booth, Lyle H. Edwards, John H. Hall, M. G. Hearn, M. J.
 Koster, William H. Norris, William G. Pearson.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Commission held 28 meetings in 1955 and continued its policy of hearing anyone who expressed a wish to be heard at a Commission meeting. In this way, a large number of disputes between Commission licensees were settled, thus avoiding the necessity of expensive and long-drawn out litigation in the courts. In addition, many persons having complaints, once having been heard by the Commission, either found that their complaints had no foundation in fact, or if the complaints were valid, had them satisfactorily adjusted by the Commission.

Joint meetings were held with the racing associations, and the Executive Committee of the H.B.P.A. At such meetings, the Commission adopted a conciliatory rather than an arbitrary attitude, with the result that no one expressed any disaffection for or disapproval of either the attitude or the decisions of the Commission.

THE FILM PATROL

As has been observed in earlier reports, the Film Patrol is the greatest single factor contributing to clean racing, and Ontario was a pioneer in introducing it in 1951. Furthermore, it is only in Ontario, and nowhere else in the world where the Film Patrol is paid for by the taxing authority rather than the racing associations. It was realized in 1951 that to impose the burden of the admittedly expensive Film Patrol on the individual racing associations would have been, for some of them, intolerable, but the government was wise enough to approve the establishment of the Film Patrol and pay for it, in the interests of clean racing.

One great improvement in the Film Patrol was effected in 1953, after sundry experiments conducted by our contractor in Florida during the 1952-53 racing season. Immediate processing (that is, developing of the films) has been provided, which has made it possible for the stewards to view the films of a race two minutes and 35 seconds after the finish of a race. It is believed that this is the fastest processing conducted by any Film Patrol anywhere. This is an extremely important feature, as it enables the stewards to be as certain as humanly possible in situations where they are considering the disqualification of a horse for a riding foul committed by its jockey or for interference with another horse, uncontrollable by a jockey, by itself.

The actual pictures, whether the time of day was early or late, or whether the day was light or dull and murky, were perfectly clear.

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COMMISSION VETERINARY SURGEONS

The Commission was again assisted by three Commission Veterinary Surgeons, none of whom are engaged in private practice. The Commission aimed at this goal ever since it was formed and it will readily be appreciated how important it is that Commission Veterinary Surgeons be absolutely free of bias or prejudice, and equally important, suspicion.

A fourth Veterinary Surgeon took charge of the summer Trots during the month of July.

The pre-race examination of all horses during the morning of the day they raced was again conducted as in earlier years. All scratches recommended by the Commission Veterinary Surgeons were approved by the stewards and there was no known case of a lame horse being permitted to race.

SALIVA AND URINE TESTS

As in previous years, saliva samples were taken from all winning horses and such others as might be selected by the stewards. For the first time, it was possible to take urine samples from all winning horses and such others as might be selected by the stewards and this without increasing the staff of the Commission at the race track. Elaborate security measures have been taken to protect these samples from the time they are taken until their analysis and indeed these go far beyond the security measures taken in other racing jurisdictions.

A positive test was reported by the Provincial Analyst: a drug of the nature of ephedrine was found in the urine sample taken from the horse DARING SPIRIT, which won the fourth race at Woodbine Park on Monday, September 5, 1955. The purse was declared forfeit, and was redistributed to the horses placing second, third, fourth and fifth respectively. Owner-Trainer W. F. Edmiston and Groom William Warden were suspended together with all horses owned and trained by W. F. Edmiston and the case referred to the Commission.

After a hearing before the Commission, Owner-Trainer W. F. Edmiston and Groom William Warden were suspended indefinitely together with all horses under the care of Owner-Trainer Edmiston, until such time as they were leased or sold to a licensee of the Commission in good standing.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE RACING COMMISSIONERS

The members of the Commission are associate members of this important organization, which includes in its membership the racing boards or commissions of 26 states of the union and the governing bodies of racing in Mexico, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

This body acts as a clearing house for the disciplinary rulings, changes in rules of racing and statistical data which it gathers from all racing jurisdictions on the continent and passes on to all its members by periodical publication of a bulletin, enabling

members to keep accurate and up-to-date records of important events that take place in other jurisdictions.

Each member of the Association agrees to honour and abide by the rulings of its fellow-members as members of racing boards and commissions, and thus, many undesirables are kept off the North American turf, even though their offences were committed in one racing jurisdiction.

THREATENED JOCKEY STRIKE

In the early part of August, during the Fort Erie meeting, there were persistent rumours that the jockeys were going to "strike" in protest against a ruling of the Stewards, suspending Jockey Victor Bovine for ten days.

The Supervisor of Racing got in touch with the Commission and the Commission went to Fort Erie and met with the President and members of the Executive Committee of the Jockeys' Benefit Association to discuss their problems.

The Chairman pointed out to them that all jockeys, at the time they made application for their licences, had signed the following undertaking:

"I hereby agree to abide by the Rules of Racing of the Ontario Racing Commission and to accept and abide by the rulings and decisions of the Commission, stewards and racing officials, as the case may be, and I consent to the publication of such decisions and rulings to the press and to the public."

It was also explained to the Executive Committee that the Commission had no power to change the Stewards' ruling and that if they persisted in their attitude, all who refused to ride would be suspended indefinitely. This would mean, of course, that they would not be allowed to ride on any race track in the North American continent.

The Chairman, with the other members of the Commission and the Supervisor of Racing in attendance, then addressed all jockeys who were on the grounds, after which each jockey was interrogated separately by the Commission. Each jockey refused to ride on the following Saturday, and accordingly, 33 jockeys were suspended indefinitely for refusing to ride, and two were suspended indefinitely for failing to attend the meeting.

The following day, Friday, August 12, 1955, the Chairman was handed a letter by the Field Representative of the Jockeys' Benefit Association, stating that all jockeys now had rescinded their stand and agreed to abide by the questioned ruling of the Stewards and all subsequent rulings of the Stewards.

All jockeys were accordingly restored to good standing immediately.

HARNESS RACING

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During the Dufferin Park Fall and Winter Trots of 1954-55, the Commission appointed its own Steward-Judge and almost immediately abuses which had been honoured by the effluxion of time and permitted by the respectability of tradition came to an abrupt end. The Supervisor of Racing officiated as the Commission Steward-Judge, and performed most competently in this capacity.

The Commission licensed all owners and drivers, setting a nominal licence fee of \$1.00, and in conjunction with the licensing plan, Commission Security Officers were employed to patrol the stabling area much as they do at the thoroughbred race tracks.

Further, the Commission licensed all personnel employed by owners or drivers and while this licensing (as indeed all licensing in harness-racing is) is purely for record rather than revenue purposes, it enables a prompt check of all persons in the stabling area by our Security Officers.

The Commission Veterinary Surgeons conducted saliva tests of all winners and such other horses as were selected by the Steward-Judges, and appropriate security measures were taken to protect the samples. In addition, they checked the horses' fitness in the post parade and watched the starts and finishes of each heat.

The total licences and registrations for the 1954-55 harness racing meetings were \$43,675.00.

MINOR JOCKEYS' TRUST FUND

A trust fund for minor jockeys was established in 1953 and put into effect in 1954, whereby all jockeys under the age of 21 years were obliged to assign to a trustee (a chartered trust company) 50% of their riding fees in excess of \$200.00 per week. This amount was changed to \$150.00 by Commission Directive No. 1, 1955.

It is not generally realized that many minor jockeys earn very substantial fees and in Ontario in 1955, apprentice jockeys under 21 years of age were earning around \$350.00 to \$450.00 per week.

The 1955 statement submitted to the Commission is as follows:

Value of money invested	\$10,355.21
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Principal Cash	576.79
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Income Cash	141.07
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	\$11,073.07
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LICENCES AND REGISTRATIONS

The following licences were issued by the Commission in 1955:

Racing Associations	13	\$66,000.00 ✓
Owners	488	2,440.00 ✓
Owner-Trainers	154	2,310.00 ✓
Trainers	143	1,430.00 ✓
Apprentice Jockeys	30	150.00 ✓
Jockeys	77	1,155.00 ✓
Jockeys' Agents	32	160.00 ✓
Jockeys' Valets	16	16.00 ✓
Grooms, exercise boys, etc.	939	939.00 ✓

\$74,600.00

Registration fees paid to the Commission were as follows:

Life Colours	1	\$ 25.00 } ✓ 54 ⁺ ₂₅
Annual Colours	544	544.00 } ✓ 54 ⁺ ₂₅
Partnerships	290	290.00 ✓
Authorized Agents	156	312.00 ✓
Apprentice Jockey Contracts	27	27.00 ✓
Assumed Names	64	1,280.00 ✓

\$ 2,478.00

The total licences and registrations for the 1955 thoroughbred racing season were \$77,078.00.

COMMISSION RULINGS, 1955

The Commission rulings made in 1955 were as follows:

February 24, 1955 - Owner-Trainer Leslie J. Nemett, who was suspended indefinitely on September 3, 1954, for administering a drug of the nature of procaine to the horse "YOUNG BROTHER" on August 28, 1954, shortly before it raced on that day, in contravention of Rules 118 and 121 of the Rules of Racing, is restored to good standing, effective March 1, 1955.

March 14, 1955 - Groom Mariano Fabrizzi who was indefinitely suspended effective October 13, 1954 for striking the horse "COUNT THORN" is restored to good standing, effective immediately.

April 14, 1955 - Trainer William A. McPherson, whose licence was suspended on August 5, 1954, for failing to answer letters written to him by the Commission, having now answered such letters, is restored to good standing, effective immediately.

May 9, 1955 - George Patterson, who was suspended indefinitely on September 3, 1954, for administering a drug of the nature of procaine to the horse "YOUNG BROTHER", on August 28, 1954, shortly before it raced on that day, in contravention of Rules 118 and 121 of the Rules of Racing, is restored to good standing, effective immediately.

May 18, 1955 - Trainer H. N. McKnight is suspended for 30 days for striking Groom Wilton Near, Jr., in the stabling area at Long Branch race track on May 10, 1955, and he is barred from the premises of all race tracks in Ontario, effective immediately.

June 2, 1955 - Confirming the Commission's ruling of April 29, 1954, it is ordered that the time allowance of 79 days begin after apprentice Jockey George Gubbins has ridden his fortieth winner.

July 1, 1955 - Exercise Boy George Moraes is suspended indefinitely for persistent drunkenness and in particular for being intoxicated in the stabling area at Long Branch race track on Saturday, May 28 and he is denied the privileges of the grounds of all racing associations in Ontario.

August 2, 1955 - Driver Gordon Kingston, having been ruled off the turf on February 14, 1955, for failure to honour his financial obligations and for failure to answer letters written to him by the Commission and having now honoured such financial obligations and attended at a Commission meeting and satisfactorily answered all questions put to him, Driver Gordon Kingston is reinstated to good standing, effective immediately.

August 11, 1955 - Apprentice Jockey Andre Boucher and Jockey Roy Otis are suspended indefinitely, effective August 13, 1955, for failing to attend a meeting of the Commission when requested to do so, and they are denied the privileges of the grounds of all racing associations in Ontario.

August 11, 1955 - Jockeys Bernard Albert; Eric Barber; Noel Benitez; Victor Bovine; Richard Buisson; Charles Corolla; Fred Crossley, William Elliott; Candalario Fonte; George Gubbins; Theodore Johnson; Gordon Leavitt; Peter Leiber; Herbert Lindberg; Michael Mafale; Richard Morreale; Alfred Nash; Gordon Nedeau; Aitor Olivares; Gene Pederson; Leonard Pong; Ovidio Prasajuet; Martin O'Neill; Patrick Remillard; Lyman Richards; Gilbert Robillard; David Stevenson; Hiromi Uyeyama; Jose Vina; James Vinson; George Walker; Robert Watson and Robert Wright are suspended indefinitely, effective August 13, 1955, for refusing to honour the agreement they made when the Commission licensed them that they would accept and abide by the Rules and decisions of the Commission and the Stewards, and they are denied the privileges of the grounds of all racing associations in Ontario.

August 12, 1955 - Apprentice Jockey Andre Boucher and Jockey Roy Otis, having been suspended on August 11, 1955, for failing to attend a meeting of the Commission when requested to do so, effective August 13, 1955, and having now assigned valid reasons for their absence, are confirmed in good standing, effective August 13, 1955.

August 12, 1955 - Jockeys Bernard Albert; Eric Barber; Noel Benitez; Victor Bovine; Richard Buisson; Charles Corolla; Fred Crossley; William Elliott; Candalario Fonte; George Gubbins; Theodore Johnson; Gordon Leavitt; Peter Leiber; Herbert Lindberg; Michael Mafale; Richard Morreale; Alfred Nash; Gordon Nedeau; Aitor Olivares; Gene Pederson; Leonard Pong; Ovidio Prasajuet; Martin O'Neill; Patrick Remillard; Lyman Richards; Gilbert Robillard; David Stevenson; Hiromi Uyeyama; Jose Vina; James Vinson; George Walker; Robert Watson and Robert Wright having been suspended on August 11, 1955, for refusing to honour the agreement they made when the Commission licensed them, that they would accept and abide by all rulings and decisions of the Commission and the Stewards, effective August 13, 1955, and having now agreed to accept and abide by such rulings and decisions, they are confirmed in good standing, effective August 13, 1955.

August 15, 1955 - The action of the stewards in suspending licensee John Redman and referring the matter to the Commission is approved and licensee John Redman is suspended for 30 days, effective August 12, 1955, for causing a disturbance in the stabling area at Fort Erie race track.

August 18, 1955 - Owner Colin A. Peterson is suspended indefinitely for making a false statement in his application for an owner's licence, effective immediately, and he is barred from the grounds of all racing associations in Ontario.

September 1, 1955 - Groom Charles Black is suspended indefinitely, effective September 2, for striking the horse "LOURSIETE", a starter in the fourth race at Long Branch race track on August 29, 1955, with a shank chain twice on the rump about twenty-five minutes before post time of the fourth race on that day.

September 1, 1955 - Trainer Joseph Higgins is suspended for ten days, effective September 3, for failing to notify the stewards that "LOURSIETE", a horse in his custody and a starter in the fourth race at Long Branch race track on August 29, 1955, had been struck twice on the

rump with a shank chain by his groom, Charles Black, about twenty-five minutes before post time of the fourth race on that day.

September 12, 1955 - Apprentice Jockey Alex Wick, having been injured on June 11, 1955, at Woodbine Park, is hereby granted an extension of 21 days, commencing the first day he starts riding.

September 13, 1955 - The apprentice allowance for Apprentice Jockey Alex Wick expires on October 5, 1955.

September 13, 1955 - The apprentice allowance for Apprentice Jockey George Gubbins expires on October 6, 1955.

September 15, 1955 - Owner-Trainer W. F. Edmiston is suspended indefinitely, effective immediately, for, being the trainer of the horse "DARING SPIRIT", failing properly to protect the horse and guard it against the administration of a medication or drug in that the analysis of the urine sample taken after "DARING SPIRIT" had won the fourth race at Woodbine Park on September 5, 1955, disclosed the presence of a drug of the nature of ephedrine. The action of the Stewards in suspending Owner-Trainer W. F. Edmiston and all horses owned and trained by him and referring the matter to the Commission is approved and such horses, having now been leased to a licensee of the Commission in good standing, the suspension of such horses is rescinded.

September 15, 1955 - Groom William Warden is suspended indefinitely, effective immediately, for, being the groom of the horse "DARING SPIRIT" failing properly to protect the horse and guard it against the administration of a medication or drug in that the analysis of the urine sample taken after "DARING SPIRIT" had won the fourth race at Woodbine Park on September 5, 1955, disclosed the presence of a drug of the nature of ephedrine. The action of the Stewards in suspending Groom William Warden and referring the matter to the Commission is approved.

October 3, 1955 - Groom Charles Black having been suspended indefinitely on September 2, 1955, for striking the horse "LOURSIETE", a starter in the fourth race at Long Branch race track on August 29, 1955, and having made application for reinstatement, is restored to good standing effective October 4, 1955.

November 10, 1955 - Groom William Warden, having been suspended indefinitely on September 15, 1955, for failing properly to protect the horse "DARING SPIRIT" and guard it against the administration of a medication or drug in that the analysis of the urine sample taken after "DARING SPIRIT" had won the fourth race at Woodbine Park on September 5, 1955, disclosed the presence of a drug of the nature of ephedrine, now having made representation to the Commission for reinstatement, is hereby restored to good standing, effective immediately.

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LEADING-MONEY WINNING OWNERS, 1955

<u>Owners</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Amt. Won</u>
Maloney, L.	35	24	17	\$106,649
Bill Beasley Stable	30	23	12	100,677
Taylor, E. P.	42	27	18	84,725
McMacken Stable	31	29	30	70,515
Halliwell, A. J.	32	41	50	64,069
Stafford, J. H.	29	25	23	54,310
Steen, B. R.	18	15	11	48,160
Rotenberg, S.	17	7	9	46,670
Mitchell, M.	26	15	11	41,112
North Downs Farm	15	21	24	40,885

LEADING WINNING TRAINERS, 1955

<u>(Canada-Wide)</u>			
<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Wins</u>
Merrill, F. H. Jr.	121	Passero, J.	32
Starr, J.	51	Hornsby, J.	31
Mathes, R. W.	48	Pilling, L. H.	30
Halliwell, A. J.	47	Bentley, J. C.	28
Thurner, W.	45	Darbyshire, K.R.	29
McCann, G.	42		

LEADING WINNING JOCKEYS, 1955

(Canada-Wide)

<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Mts.</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Unp.</u>	<u>P.C.</u>
Gomez, A.	631	159	97	83	292	.25
Griffiths, R.	404	82	48	37	237	.20
Gubbins, G.	926	81	109	117	619	.09
Bovine, V.	418	76	51	50	241	.18
Stevenson, D.	427	75	62	53	237	.18
Coppernoll, K.	530	72	74	73	311	.14
Richards, D.	576	68	70	57	381	.12
Archer, R.	386	66	50	53	217	.17
Marsh, W. Jr.	388	64	39	59	226	.16
Cowie, L.	395	62	60	55	218	.16

LEADING MONEY-WINNING HORSES, 1955
(Canada-Wide)

<u>Horse</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Amt. Won</u>
Ace Marine	7	1	0	\$45,174
Canadian Champ	6	0	0	44,480
Park Dandy	1	0	0	34,525
Jimminy Baxter	6	2	0	22,480
Hickory Hill	5	0	2	20,360
King Maple	3	0	0	17,875
Captor	7	6	5	18,325
Bunty's Flight	5	2	1	18,250
Gracefield	6	2	0	15,715
Senator Jim	4	7	5	14,800

TRACK RECORDS BROKEN ON ONTARIO TRACKS, 1955

<u>Track</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Fort Erie	6½ fur.	EARMARKED	July 30	1:17 4/5	120
Woodbine	1 1/8 miles	HICKORY HILL	Sept 17	1:49 3/5	124
Woodbine	1 1/4 miles	HICKORY HILL	Sept 24	2:03	127

<u>TRACK</u>	Percentage Winning Favourites 1954	Percentage Winning Favourites 1955	Percentage Favourites in Money 1954	Percentage Favourites in Money 1955
Dufferin (Spring)	.33	.43	.69	.70
Woodbine (Spring)	.34	.26	.69	.55
Fort Erie (Summer)	.34	.30	.69	.60
Long Branch (Summer)	.26	.35	.63	.61
Woodbine (Autumn)	.33	.42	.67	.68
Long Branch (Autumn)	.23	.40	.62	.72
Dufferin (Autumn)	.32	.37	.67	.81

FEATURE EVENTS DECIDED DURING ONTARIO SEASON

<u>Stake</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Amt. Won</u>
Highlander Handicap	May 23	Woodbine	Canadiana	\$ 3,595
Jacques Cartier Stakes	May 28	Woodbine	Canadiana	3,585
Woodstock Stakes	June 1	Woodbine	Little Wolf	3,895
Connaught Cup	June 4	Woodbine	King Maple	3,615
My Dear Stakes (Div.1)	June 8	Woodbine	Dizzy Dora	3,840
My Dear Stakes (Div.2)	June 8	Woodbine	Acushla	3,815
Queen's Plate	June 11	Woodbine	Ace Marine	25,270
King Edward Gold Cup	June 11	Woodbine	Freedom Parley	3,790
Clarendon Stakes	June 15	Woodbine	Dizzy Dora	4,615
Canadian Maturity	June 18	Woodbine	King Maple	8,985
Toronto Cup Handicap	June 18	Woodbine	Momus	3,765
Selene Stakes	June 22	Woodbine	Rouge Maid	3,895
Prince of Wales Stakes	June 25	Woodbine	Ace Marine	3,930
Victoria Stakes	July 1	Woodbine	Bunty's Flight	4,700
Dominion Day Handicap	July 1	Woodbine	Sampan	5,635
Bison City Stakes	July 4	Fort Erie	Black Coyote	3,890
Fort Erie Handicap	July 9	Fort Erie	Jimminy Baxter	3,780
Canadian Handicap	July 16	Fort Erie	King Maple	5,285
Yearling Sales Stakes	July 20	Fort Erie	Bun Linn	3,400
International Handicap	July 23	Fort Erie	Shimke	5,510
Niagara Stakes	July 30	Fort Erie	Jimminy Baxter	7,570
Summer Stakes	Aug. 1	Fort Erie	Bunty's Flight	4,745
Achievement Handicap	Aug. 6	Fort Erie	Board of Trade	3,775
Auspicious Handicap	Aug. 13	Fort Erie	Jimminy Baxter	5,290
Eye Opener Stakes	Aug. 20	Long Branch	Bunty's Flight	4,245
Greenwood Handicap	Sept. 3	Woodbine	Hickory Hill	3,520
Sandown Stakes	Sept. 5	Woodbine	Shimke	3,640
Seagram Cup Handicap	Sept. 5	Woodbine	Ace Marine	3,640
Princess Elizabeth Stakes	Sept. 7	Woodbine	Gracefield	3,850
Fairbanks Stakes	Sept. 10	Woodbine	Fleet Path	3,720
Maple Leaf Stakes	Sept. 14	Woodbine	Festivity	3,830
Coronation Futurity	Sept. 17	Woodbine	Canad'n Champ	21,200
Autumn Handicap	Sept. 17	Woodbine	Hickory Hill	3,685
Breeders' Stakes	Sept. 21	Woodbine	Ace Marine	3,830
Grey Stakes	Sept. 24	Woodbine	Compactor	4,155
Jockey Club Cup	Sept. 24	Woodbine	Hickory Hill	7,425
Durham Cup	Sept. 27	Woodbine	Ace Marine	3,610
Golden Spoon	Oct. 1	Long Branch	Canad'n Champ	3,600
The Cup and Saucer	Oct. 8	Long Branch	Canad'n Champ	13,535
Wild Mink Handicap	Oct. 10	Long Branch	Canadiana	3,780
Canadian Championship	Oct. 15	Long Branch	Park Dandy	34,525
Diamond Ring	Oct. 15	Long Branch	Canad'n Champ	3,885
Little Saratoga Handicap	Oct. 22	Dufferin	Teddy's Sister	3,540
Irene Stakes	Oct. 29	Dufferin	Gracefield	3,720
Valedictory Handicap	Nov. 8	Dufferin	Captor	3,555

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
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FOR THE YEAR 1956



January 21, 1957.

The Honourable Dana Porter, Q. C.,
Treasurer of Ontario,
Parliament Buildings,
Queen's Park,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Minister:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Racing Commission Act, 1950, and amendments thereto, we submit the seventh annual report of the Ontario Racing Commission, dealing with the operations of the Commission up to and including November 17, 1956, the last day of thoroughbred racing that year.

Yours faithfully,

S. Tupper Bigelow, Magistrate,
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The total revenue for the 1956 harness racing meetings was \$3,960.00.

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A trust fund for minor jockeys was established in 1953 and put into effect in 1954, whereby all jockeys under the age of 21 years were obliged to assign to a trustee (a chartered trust company) 50% of their riding fees in excess of \$200.00 per week. This amount was changed to \$150.00 by Commission Directive No. 1, 1955.

It is not generally realized that many minor jockeys earn very substantial fees and in Ontario in 1956, apprentice jockeys under 21 years of age were earning around \$350.00 to \$450.00 per week.

The 1956 statement submitted to the Commission is as follows:

Value of money invested	\$16,902.09
Principal Cash	2,112.91
Income Cash	467.97

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THE NEW WOODBINE

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In the meantime, however, plans had proceeded to build a new race track near Malton under the aegis of The Ontario Jockey Club and on June 12, 1956, New Woodbine Park was officially opened, the Prime Minister, Mr. Frost, attending and declaring the new race track to be officially open.

Racing dignitaries from the United States were present for the opening, and it was the consensus that nowhere in the United States, which is to say the world, was there a race track better designed to suit the comfort and convenience of the public and the horsemen and their employees, and none elsewhere where the patron of the sport, no matter where seated, could not view with ease every incident in every race.

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LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS

The following licenses were issued by the Commission in 1956:

Thoroughbred:

Racing Associations	14	\$55,800.00
Owners	512	2,560.00
Owner-Trainers	139	2,085.00
Trainers	155	1,550.00
Apprentice Jockeys	31	155.00
Jockeys	63	945.00
Jockeys' Agents	26	130.00
Jockeys' Valets	15	15.00
Grooms, exercise boys, etc.	884	884.00
		<u>\$64,124.00</u>

Registration fees paid to the Commission were as follows:

Life Colours	10	\$ 250.00
Annual Colours	562	562.00
Partnerships	295	295.00
Authorized Agents	194	388.00
Apprentice Jockey Contracts	35	35.00
Assumed Names	76	760.00
Leases	24	24.00
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		\$2,314.00
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COMMISSION RULINGS, 1956

The Commission rulings made in 1956 were as follows:

April 20, 1956 - Groom Archibald St. John having been suspended indefinitely on November 9, 1954, for refusing to answer questions put to him by the Commission, is restored to good standing, effective immediately.

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September 28, 1956 - Owner Mrs. Mildred Jarvis, administratrix of the Estate of Arthur Cahoon, is hereby suspended for failure to answer letters written to her by the Commission.

LEADING-MONEY WINNING OWNERS, 1956

<u>Owners</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>	<u>Amt. Won</u>
Taylor, E. P.	58	50	41	\$153,840
Bill Beasley Stable	40	27	21	138,412
Lanson Farms	24	23	22	89,980
Stafford, J. H.	35	49	55	80,879
Maloney & Smythe	22	25	33	69,640
Medway Stable	35	30	30	61,340
Taylor, Mrs. E. P.	16	14	4	61,330
Tomlinson, J.	15	13	9	52,315
Steen, B. R.	27	16	6	51,322
Gian, R.	18	21	15	50,302

LEADING WINNING TRAINERS, 1956

(Canada-wide)

<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Wins</u>
Merrill, F. H. Jr.	127	Bateman R. S.	35
McCann, G.	74	Pilling, L. H.	35
Thurner, W.	74	Meyer, J. C.	32
Starr, J.	48	Townrow, R.	29
Barnard, R. T.	43	Marsh, W. Sr.	29
Passero, John	41		

LEADING WINNING JOCKEYS, 1956

<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Mts.</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Unp.</u>	<u>P.C.</u>
Gomez, A.	765	197	159	97	312	.26
Walker, G.	665	107	91	90	377	.16
Warne, E.	588	98	87	82	321	.17
Bovine, V.	725	83	84	95	463	.11
Pong, L.	754	83	121	79	471	.11
Dittfach, H.	373	80	69	53	171	.21
Remillard, P.	604	74	85	74	371	.12
Broomfield, J.	364	70	55	47	192	.19
Williams, R.	410	70	60	58	222	.17
Fray, P.	416	66	69	54	227	.16
Rodriguez, E. A.	297	66	5	42	164	.22

LEADING MONEY-WINNING HORSES, 1956

<u>Horse</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Amt. Won</u>
Canadian Champ	10	1	0	\$71,350
Eugenia II	2	0	0	44,130
Fleet Path	5	5	1	40,090
Ace Marine	4	3	4	37,970
Chopadette	4	3	0	29,790
Ballydonnell	8	2	1	24,725
Dorenes Lad	5	2	5	24,325
Argent	2	4	1	22,950
Baffin Bay	6	3	4	21,310
Captor	5	3	1	20,435

TRACK RECORDS BROKEN ON ONTARIO TRACKS, 1956

<u>Track</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Fort Erie	2 fur.	GORIZIA	Apr. 24	:23	116
	5 fur.	MISTER JIVE	Aug. 1	:59 1/5	119
	1 5/8 mi.	GAY STORY	Aug. 27	2:48 3/5	112
(Turf)	1 mile	LAWDAY	Aug. 9	1:39	120
(Turf)	1 1/16 mi.	INFUSION	Aug. 15	1:43 2/5	115
Woodbine	5 fur.	MISTER JIVE	July 7	:58 3/5	120
(New)	5 1/2 fur.	NEARCTIC	July 14	1:06 3/5	115
	6 fur.	HARTNEY	July 12	1:10 3/5	118
	6 1/2 fur.	NAVY PAGE	Oct. 12	1:17 1/5	120
	7 fur.	HARTNEY	Nov. 14	1:23 1/5	120
1 mile & 70 Yards		WARRANTOR	Oct. 9	1:42 2/5	116
	1 1/16 mi.	ALL VIEW	Oct. 5	1:44 2/5	123
	1 1/8 mi.	FLYING TRAPEZE	Nov. 10	1:50 1/5	114
	1 3/16 mi.	BLENCREST	July 7	1:58 1/5	116
	1 1/4 mi.	BALLYDONNELL	Oct. 13	2:03 2/5	122
	1 3/8 mi.	DANTE	Oct. 13	2:19	114
	1 5/8 mi.	EUGENIA II	Oct. 27	2:43 2/5	123
	1 3/4 mi.	DARK ROAMER	Nov. 17	2:57	118
(Turf)	1 1/2 miles	KELINA	Oct. 20	2:33 4/5	116

FEATURE EVENTS DECIDED DURING ONTARIO SEASON

Stake	Date	Winner	Track	Amount Won
Bold Venture Stakes	Apr. 21	Navy Page	Fort Erie	3,620
Vigil Handicap	Apr. 28	Fleet Path	Fort Erie	3,600
Queenston Stakes	May 5	Dining Alone	Fort Erie	3,735
Swynford Stakes	May 12	Fleet Path	Old Woodbine	3,685
Star Shoot Stakes	May 14	Orchestra	Old Woodbine	3,755
Ultimus Handicap	May 19	Baffin Bay	Old Woodbine	3,650
Friar Rock Stakes	May 21	Orchestra	Old Woodbine	3,820
Eclipse Handicap	May 26	Fleet Path	Old Woodbine	7,240
Whimsical Stakes	May 30	Willies Folly	Old Woodbine	3,510
Marine Stakes	June 2	Compactor	Old Woodbine	5,590
Inferno Handicap	June 2	Dorenes Lad	Old Woodbine	5,275
Jacques Cartier Stakes	June 6	Beau Bunty	Old Woodbine	5,355
Highlander Handicap	June 9	Jimminy Baxter	Old Woodbine	5,375
Woodstock Stakes	June 9	Orchestra	Old Woodbine	5,485
Woodbine Oaks	June 15	Air Page	Woodbine	9,010
Plate Trial	June 12	Canadian Champ	Woodbine	3,765
Challenge Cup Handicap	June 16	All View	Woodbine	7,725
Queen's Plate	June 16	Canadian Champ	Woodbine	25,430
My Dear Stakes	June 23	Silly Lilly	Woodbine	4,090
Canadian Maturity	June 23	Ace Marine	Woodbine	10,125
Selene Stakes	June 27	Gracefield	Woodbine	5,615
Prince of Wales Stakes	June 30	Canadian Champ	Woodbine	5,505
Clarendon Stakes	July 2	Nearctic	Woodbine	4,130
Dominion Day Handicap	July 2	Ace Marine	Woodbine	20,500
Nassau Stakes	July 7	Baffin Bay	Woodbine	5,725
Connaught Cup Stakes	July 7	King Maple	Woodbine	5,345
Victoria Stakes	July 14	Nearctic	Woodbine	5,915
Toronto Cup Handicap	July 14	Censor	Woodbine	8,075
Fort Erie Handicap	July 16	Pot Hunter	Fort Erie	3,700
Bison City (1st Div.)	July 21	Compactor	Fort Erie	3,605
Bison City (2nd Div.)	July 21	Flying Trapeze	Fort Erie	3,630
Fair Play Stakes	July 28	Marked Game	Fort Erie	3,640
Summer Stakes	Aug. 1	Mister Jive	Fort Erie	4,010
Heresy Stakes	Aug. 1	Swamp Fox	Fort Erie	3,705
Canadian Handicap	Aug. 4	Dorenes Lad	Fort Erie	5,405
Fury Stakes	Aug. 6	Gracefield	Fort Erie	3,640
Yearling Sales Stakes	Aug. 8	Jet Marine	Fort Erie	3,475
Auspicious Stakes	Aug. 11	Fleet Path	Fort Erie	5,775
Duchess Stakes	Aug. 15	Infusion	Fort Erie	3,735
Achievement Handicap	Aug. 18	Canadian Champ	Fort Erie	5,535
Vandal Stakes	Aug. 22	Myanna	Fort Erie	4,015
International Handicap	Aug. 25	Queen's Reigh	Fort Erie	5,545
Colin Stakes	Aug. 29	Squire John	Fort Erie	4,130
Niagara Stakes	Sept. 1	Captor	Fort Erie	8,125
Sandown Stakes	Sept. 3	Canadian Champ	Old Woodbine	5,695
Horometer Stakes	Sept. 8	Dorenes Lad	Old Woodbine	5,265
Princess Elizabeth Stakes	Sept. 12	Lady Ruth	Old Woodbine	3,950

Feature Events Decided During Ontario Season (Continued)

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Carleton Stakes	Sept.22	Nearctic	Old Woodbine	3,870
Nettie Handicap	Sept.22	Flying Trapeze	Old Woodbine	5,535
Display Stakes	Sept.29	Flying Atom	Old Woodbine	3,930
Autumn Handicap	Sept.29	Fleet Path	Old Woodbine	7,975
Breeders' Stakes	Oct. 1	Canadian Champ	Woodbine	8,000
Maple Leaf Stakes	Oct. 6	Air Page	Woodbine	5,545
Seaway Stakes	Oct. 6	Captor	Woodbine	5,715
Seagram Cup Handicap	Oct. 8	Canadian Champ	Woodbine	5,355
Shady Well Stakes	Oct. 13	Pink Velvet	Woodbine	5,805
Jockey Club Cup Handicap	Oct. 13	Ballydonnell	Woodbine	12,650
Bunty Lawless Stakes	Oct. 20	Canadian Champ	Woodbine	5,325
Coronation Futurity Stakes	Oct. 20	Chopadette	Woodbine	23,490
Belle Mahone Stakes	Oct. 24	Butter Ball	Woodbine	5,125
Grey Stakes Handicap	Oct.27	Roman Artist	Woodbine	5,915
Canadian Championship	Oct. 27	Eugenia II	Woodbine	42,700
Cup and Saucer Handicap	Nov. 3	Ali's Pride	Woodbine (d.h.)	8,752
		Lad Ator	Woodbine (d.h.)	8,752
Mohawk Stakes	Nov. 3	Dark Armor	Woodbine	5,645
Tattling Handicap	Nov. 10	Flying Trapeze	Woodbine	5,495
Durham Cup Handicap	Nov. 10	Lawday	Woodbine	11,300
Valedictory Handicap	Nov. 17	Dark Armor	Woodbine	8,025

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Yours faithfully,

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1535 saliva and 1468 urine samples were analyzed by the Commission Analyst and there were two positive tests reported from the urine tests which were subsequently dealt with by the Commission as shown in the Rulings of the Commission.

SALIVA TESTS

Until 1957, the saliva sample of each winning horse was taken by a Commission Veterinarian in the saliva box which, at each race track, was not open to the public.

Early in 1957, at the instigation of the Commission, the stewards directed that the saliva test be taken in the winner's enclosure, in full view of the public. This change has markedly increased public confidence in the integrity of Ontario racing.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE RACING COMMISSIONERS

The members of the Commission are associate members of this important organization, which includes in its membership the racing boards or commissions of 26 states of the union and the governing bodies of racing in Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico and The Bahamas.

This body acts as a clearing house for the disciplinary rulings, changes in rules of racing and statistical data which it gathers from all racing jurisdictions on the continent and passes on to all its members by periodical publication of a bulletin, enabling members to keep accurate and up-to-date records of important events that take place in other jurisdictions.

Each member of the Association agrees to honour and abide by the rulings of its fellow-members as members of racing boards and Commissions, and thus, many undesirables are kept off the North American turf, even though their offences were committed in one racing jurisdiction.

The twenty-third Annual Convention of the Association was held in Beverly Hills, California, from June 10 - 13, 1957. The Chairman, and two members John W. Hanna, M.P.P., and Brigadier C. S. McKee, C.B.E., attended this Convention.

HARNESS RACING

The 39-day harness racing meeting was held at Old Woodbine race track, from July 15 to August 28, 1957. The Commission licensed all owners and drivers, setting a nominal license fee of \$1.00.

Further, the Commission licensed all personnel employed by owners or drivers and while this licensing (as indeed all licensing in harness-racing is) is purely for record rather than revenue purposes, it enables a prompt check of all persons in the stabling area by the racing Association's security officers.

The Commission Veterinarians conducted saliva tests of all winners and such other horses as were selected by the Steward-Judges, and appropriate security measures were taken to protect the samples. In addition, they checked the horses' fitness in the post parade and watched the starts and finishes of each heat.

The total revenue for the 1957 harness racing meetings was \$5,641.00.

MINOR JOCKEYS' TRUST FUND

A trust fund for minor jockeys was established in 1953 and put into effect in 1954, whereby all jockeys under the age of 21 years were obliged to assign to a trustee (a chartered trust company) 50% of their riding fees in excess of \$200.00 per week. This amount was changed to \$150.00 by Commission Directive No. 1, 1955.

It is not generally realized that many minor jockeys earn very substantial fees and in Ontario in 1957, apprentice jockeys under 21 years of age were earning around \$350.00 to \$450.00 per week.

The 1957 statement submitted to the Commission is as follows:

Value of money invested	\$43,168.66
Principal Cash	1,744.72
Income Cash	1,619.02
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	\$46,532.40
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THE CALIENTE SAFETY HELMET

For the first time in 1957, it was made compulsory for all jockeys to wear the Caliente safety helmet which undoubtedly since its first use in Agua Caliente, Mexico, a few years ago, has saved the lives of many jockeys. In this connection, we should like to record our appreciation of the horsemen and the jockeys in quickly co-operating with the Commission in this substantial improvement to racing and racing safety.

THE POST PARADE

For many years, the Commission has endeavoured to persuade the racing Associations and the horsemen that horses in the post parade could readily be led from that side of the horse away from the public, so that the public view of the racing animals would be unobstructed. Many objections were heard to such a proposal, one being that a horse cannot be led from its off-side. Members of the Commission noticed at the annual convention of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners that at Hollywood Park, California, such procedure was in effect. Accordingly, the Commission prevailed on the Association to try the practice for a week to see if it would work in Ontario. It worked very easily and will be incorporated in the Commission's Rules of Racing for 1958.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

As you are aware, the Commission has for a long time advocated the amendment of the Racing Commission Act to provide for the licensing of pari-mutuel employees. The Deputy Attorney General of Ontario has advised the Commission that such amendment would not be ultra vires. But the federal Department of Justice, however, has advised the federal Department of Agriculture that such legislation would be ultra vires.

The Commission's purpose in seeking this legislation was to have more effective control over pari-mutuel clerks many of whom engage in toutting, a practice that the Commission strongly deprecates.

At recent meetings with representatives of the federal Department of Agriculture and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, it was made abundantly clear to members of the Commission that the problem was most effectively handled by the R.C.M.P. in 1957 and in all likelihood will continue to be so handled.

In the interests of harmony, therefore, the Commission has decided not to ask for the enabling legislation to license pari-mutuel clerks, confident that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is able and qualified to do the job we want done.

(For example, 41 pari-mutuel clerks were summarily discharged by the racing Association in 1957 for toutting, repeated shortages or overages or both, at the request of the R.C.M.P.)

Henceforth, the R.C.M.P. will make full reports to the

Commission upon the discharge of any pari-mutuel employee, so that notification of it may be sent to the N.A.S.R.C. for circulation to its member-Commissions.

LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS

The following licenses were issued by the Commission in 1957:

<u>Thoroughbred</u>		<u>Fees</u>
Racing Associations	13	\$65,800.00 ✓
Owners	517	2,585.00 ✓
Trainers	144	1,440.00 ✓
Owner-Trainers	111	1,665.00 ✓
Apprentice Jockeys	28	140.00 ✓
Jockeys	73	1,095.00 ✓
Jockeys' Agents	31	155.00 ✓
Jockeys' Valets	15	15.00 ✓
Grooms, Exercise Boys, etc.	859	859.00 ✓
		<u>\$73,754.00</u>

Registration fees paid to the Commission were as follows:

Life Colours	15	\$ 375.00 ✓
Annual Colours	490	490.00 ✓
Partnerships	313	313.00 ✓
Authorized Agents	172	344.00 ✓
Apprentice Jockey Contracts	36	36.00 ✓
Assumed Names	89	890.00 ✓
Leases	29	29.00 ✓
		<u>\$ 2,477.00</u>

COMMISSION RULINGS, 1957

The Commission rulings made in 1957 were as follows:

April 15, 1957 - As provided in Rule 293, the apprentice allowance of Apprentice Jockey Ernest Warne is hereby extended to September 5, inclusive.

April 27, 1957 - Owner Mrs. Russell Graul Jr. is fined \$25.00 for entering a horse in a race at Fort Erie without having been licensed by the Commission.

April 27, 1957 - Owner Larkin Maloney is fined \$25.00 for entering horses in races at Fort Erie without having been licensed by the Commission.

May 1, 1957 - Owner George A. McCartney is fined \$100.00 for entering the horse "GAFFLERAN" in the sixth race at Fort Erie on April 12, 1957, in which only Canadian-owned horses were eligible, when Owner George McCartney had, on April 10, 1957, registered a stable name of which the proprietors were Owner George McCartney and a citizen of the United States of America, contrary to Rules 329 and 341 of the Rules of Racing.

May 22, 1957 - The action of the Stewards in suspending the license of Exercise Boy Edward Broughton and referring the matter to the Commission is approved and Exercise Boy Edward Broughton is reinstated on probation of good conduct, effective immediately.

May 22, 1957 - The apprentice jockey contract between Mrs. Mamie Mezen and George Gordon is declared null and void, effective immediately.

May 22, 1957 - The license of Owner Stanley Zedd is suspended indefinitely for making a false statement on his application for an owner's license.

May 27, 1957 - Augustin Lalonde of Penetanguishene, Ontario is ruled off the turf for failing to answer letters sent to him by the Commission.

May 27, 1957 - Groom Alexander McIver is suspended for one month for being under the influence of liquor in the winner's circle immediately after the sixth race at Old Woodbine Park, when in charge of the horse "WHIRLING HOME", effective July 27, 1957.

May 27, 1957 - Groom Alexander McIver is suspended for two months, effective immediately for, being the groom of the horse "WHIRLING HOME" failing properly to protect the horse and guard it against the administration of a medication or drug in that the analysis of the urine sample taken after "WHIRLING HOME" had won in a dead heat the

sixth race at Old Woodbine Park on May 21, 1957, disclosed the presence of a drug of the nature of procaine. The action of the stewards in suspending Groom Alexander McIver and referring the matter to the Commission is approved.

May 27, 1957 - Trainer David O'Neill Brown is suspended for two months, effective immediately for, being the trainer of the horse "WHIRLING HOME", failing properly to protect the horse and guard it against the administration of a medication or drug in that the analysis of the urine sample taken after "WHIRLING HOME" had won in a dead heat the sixth race at Old Woodbine Park on May 21, 1957, disclosed the presence of a drug of the nature of procaine. The action of the stewards in suspending Trainer David O'Neill Brown and referring the matter to the Commission is approved.

May 27, 1957 - Owner Gerald Raymond, being the owner of the horse "WHIRLING HOME", which won in a dead heat the sixth race at Old Woodbine Park on May 21, 1957, and was subsequently found to have the urine sample taken from it disclose the presence of a drug of the nature of procaine, is held blameless and all horses owned by him, having been placed in the care of a trainer approved by the Commission, are in good standing and eligible to race in Ontario, effective immediately.

May 30, 1957 - Augustin Lalonde of Penetanguishene, Ontario, having been ruled off the turf on May 27, 1957, for failing to answer letters sent to him by the Commission, having now appeared before the Commission and satisfactorily answered its questions, is restored to good standing, effective immediately.

June 24, 1957 - As provided for in Rule 293 of the Rules of Racing, the apprentice allowance of Apprentice Jockey Ernest Warne has been recalculated and is extended to September 24, 1957.

June 24, 1957 - As provided for in Rule 293 of the Rules of Racing, the apprentice allowance of Apprentice Jockey Alex Goodwin is extended to October 19, 1957.

August 12, 1957 - The action of the stewards in suspending the license of Hot-Walker George Strickland for disorderly conduct on the race track, is approved and Hot-Walker George Strickland is suspended indefinitely, effective immediately.

August 12, 1957 - The action of the stewards in suspending the license of Hot-Walker Douglas Woodrow Reid for disorderly conduct on the race track, is approved and Hot-Walker Douglas Woodrow Reid is suspended indefinitely, effective immediately.

August 12, 1957 - The action of the stewards in suspending the license of Groom Bruce Francis O'Neil for disorderly conduct on the race track, is approved and Groom Bruce Francis O'Neil is suspended indefinitely, effective immediately.

August 12, 1957 - The action of the stewards in suspending the license of Groom Allan George Mason for obstructing a Peace Officer in the performance of his duty, is approved and Groom Allan George Mason is suspended indefinitely, effective immediately.

August 12, 1957 - The action of the stewards in suspending the license of Groom Willard Jorgensen for assaulting a Peace Officer in the execution of his duty, is approved and Groom Willard Jorgensen is suspended indefinitely, effective immediately.

August 12, 1957 - The action of the stewards in suspending the license of Groom Steve Engardt, who has been convicted of theft, is approved and Groom Steve Engardt is suspended indefinitely, effective immediately.

August 12, 1957 - The action of the stewards in refusing a license to Groom Paul Dangerfield, who has been convicted of theft, is approved and Groom Paul Dangerfield is suspended indefinitely, effective immediately.

August 12, 1957 - The action of the stewards in suspending the license of Hot-Walker Allan Edwin Bowman, for disorderly conduct on the race track, is approved and Hot-Walker Allan Edwin Bowman is suspended indefinitely, effective immediately.

August 16, 1957 - The application of Richard Stanley Niewiadomski for an occupational license has today been rejected by the Commission.

August 27, 1957 - The ruling of the stewards dated August 21, 1957, suspending Apprentice Jockey Sam Cosentino for 20 days (August 22 - September 10 inclusive) for snatching the saddle cloth of "UNITY COURILR" near the finish of the second race on Monday, August 19, and referring his case to the Commission is confirmed.

September 25, 1957 - As provided for in Rule 293 of the Rules of Racing, the apprentice allowance of Apprentice Jockey John Rodger is extended for 70 days.

October 30, 1957 - Groom Robert J. Mundy, having been fined \$25.00 on September 10, 1957, and this fine not having been paid by him, is suspended indefinitely, for non-payment thereof.

November 1, 1957 - Owner-Trainer James Paul McGarry is suspended indefinitely for failing to disclose to his principal, Owner Cameron William Smith, the price he actually paid for the horse "HAVILAND" while acting as his agent in the purchase of such horse, effective immediately.

November 19, 1957 - The action of the stewards in suspending Trainer Edward Mann on the ground that the urine sample taken from "HARDY ADMIRAL" which won the fourth race on Tuesday, October 22, 1957, contained a drug of the nature of amphetamine and referring the matter to the Commission is approved. The Commission having satisfied itself, after hearing evidence from all persons concerned, that Trainer Edward Mann was not negligent in his charge, custody or care of the horse "HARDY ADMIRAL", Trainer Edward Mann is restored to good standing, effective immediately.

November 21, 1957 - The action of the stewards in suspending Groom William Leo LeClere on the ground that the urine sample taken from "HARDY ADMIRAL" which won the fourth race on Tuesday, October 22, 1957 contained a drug of the nature of amphetamine and referring the matter to the Commission is approved. The Commission having satisfied itself, after hearing evidence from all persons concerned, that Groom William Leo LeClere was not negligent in his charge, custody or care of the horse "HARDY ADMIRAL", Groom William Leo LeClere is restored to good standing, effective immediately.

November 21, 1957 - Groom William Leo LeClere is suspended for thirty days for toutting, and he is denied access to the grounds of all racing associations during the period of his suspension, effective immediately.

December 3, 1957 - The suspension of Owner-Trainer William Thurner by the stewards for having in his possession a hypodermic syringe and needle without written permission is confirmed and Owner-Trainer William Thurner is fined \$100.00 and restored to good standing, effective immediately.

December 3, 1957 - The action of the stewards in suspending Groom Frank Wilcox for aiding and abetting in the alleged falsification of an authorized agent's application is confirmed, and Groom Frank Wilcox is reprimanded for witnessing an appointment of authorized agent when in fact the signature thereon was not witnessed by him, and he is restored to good standing, effective immediately.

December 3, 1957 - The action of the stewards in suspending Trainer Murray Weisman for alleged falsification of an authorized agent's application is confirmed and Trainer Murray Weisman is suspended for five months and denied the privileges of the grounds of all racing associations in Ontario for filing with the Commission an appointment of an authorized agent purporting to be signed by Owner C. M. Cascia but actually signed by Trainer Murray Weisman, effective November 21, 1957.

December 4, 1957 - Groom Willard Ray Jorgensen, whose license was suspended on August 12, 1957, for assaulting a Peace Officer in the execution of his duty, is hereby restored to good standing, effective immediately.

December 4, 1957 - Apprentice Jockey William John Dunn, whose license was suspended by the stewards on July 25, 1957, is hereby restored to good standing, effective immediately.

December 9, 1957 - Owner-Trainer James Paul McGarry who was suspended on November 1, 1957 is restored to good standing, effective immediately.

LEADING MONEY-WINNING OWNERS, 1957

<u>Owners</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Amt. Won</u>
Taylor, E. P.	39	25	25	\$123,305
Bill Beasley Stable	36	28	27	108,990
Maloney & Smythe	33	31	25	108,500
Armstrong, Miss C.B.	17	24	12	77,485
Lanson Farm	24	33	19	75,575
Stafford Farm	34	29	31	65,205
Taylor, Mrs. E.P.	14	9	4	58,890
Marshall, K. R.	20	15	12	56,667
Halliwell, A. J.	30	38	32	54,390
Seagram, J. E. F.	30	11	18	46,820

LEADING WINNING TRAINERS, 1957
(Canada-Wide)

<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Wins</u>
Merrill, F. H. Jr.	110	Warner, A. H.	41
Thurner, Wm.	63	Huntley, G. M.	38
McCann, G.	53	Passero, John	36
Starr, J.	51	Smithers, A. G.	36
Halliwell, A. J.	44	Bateman, R. S.	34

LEADING WINNING JOCKEYS, 1957

<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Mts.</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Unp.</u>	<u>P.C.</u>
Gomez, A.	648	227	101	90	230	.35
Coy, A.	851	150	121	104	476	.18
Warne, E.	774	123	122	105	424	.16
Leid, N.	691	98	91	79	423	.14
Frey, P.	435	77	53	57	248	.18
Williams, R.	511	77	64	77	293	.15
Fitzsimmons, J.	389	71	70	43	205	.18
Pong, L.	680	79	87	87	436	.10
Richards, Donald	473	66	76	56	275	.14
Broomfield, J.	404	62	52	42	248	.15

LEADING MONEY-WINNING HORSES, 1957

<u>Horse</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Won</u>
Spinney	1	0	0	\$42,300
Lyford Cay	4	0	0	37,000
Kitty Girl	6	2	2	34,795
Stole The Ring	5	0	0	33,620
Grand Canyon	1	2	0	33,600
Hartney	9	2	1	33,240
Marshall Ney II	4	3	1	29,435
Pink velvet	7	1	1	29,435
Censor	4	2	0	26,840
Chomiru	2	2	1	25,145

TRACK RECORDS BROKEN ON ONTARIO TRACKS, 1957WOODBINE

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Weight</u>
5 furlongs	SILVER SHIP	June 8	:58 2/5	111
5½ furlongs	SILVER SHIP	July 13	1:05 1/5	119
6 furlongs	CENSOR	June 5	1:10 1/5	120
6½ furlongs	HARTNEY	Oct. 12	1:16	126
7 furlongs	WEST FOUR	Oct. 30	1:22 3/5	113
1 mile & 70 Yds.	PINK VELVET	July 5	1:41 3/5	118
1 1/16 miles	HARTNEY	Oct. 31	1:43	118
1 1/8 miles	FLYING TRAPEZE	Nov. 10	1:50 3/5	114
1 3/16 miles	TO PORT	Oct. 14	1:58	109
1 1/4 miles	FLYING TRAPEZE	Nov. 2	2:01 4/5	118
1 3/8 miles	DANTE	Oct. 13	2:19	114
1 5/8 miles	EUGENIA II	Oct. 27	2:43 2/5	123
1 3/4 miles	DARK ARMOR	Nov. 17	2:57	118

Turf Course

1 1/16 miles	DANTE	Oct. 5	1:44 1/5	117
1 1/8 miles	MANDINGO	July 3	1:49 3/5	114
1 1/4 miles	KITTY GIRL	Oct. 14	2:03	111
1 1/2 miles	KELINA	Oct. 20	2:33 4/5	116

OLD WOODBINE

4½ furlongs	SILVER SHIP	May 8	:54 3/5	120
6½ furlongs	COUNT HIGH	Sept. 5	1:19	113
7 furlongs	TEE SHIRT	Sept. 28	1:24 2/5	114
1 mile	BABE H.	Sept. 19	1:36 3/5	116
1 1/16 miles	BIG BERNE	Sept. 14	1:45	119
1 1/8 miles	CANADIAN CHAMP	Sept. 7	1:50 1/5	115
1 1/4 miles	FREEDOM PARLEY	Sept. 28	2:04 1/5	114

FORT ERIE

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Weight</u>
2 furlongs	GORIZIA	Apr. 24	:23	116
4 furlongs	KIRK'S DANDY	May 2	:47 2/5	119
4½ furlongs	MARION MOORE	Aug. 31	:54	93
5 furlongs	MISTER JIVE	Aug. 1	:59 1/5	119
5½ furlongs	ILITE	Apr. 24	1:04 3/5	118
6 furlongs	NAVY PAGE	July 4	1:10 3/5	115
6½ furlongs	NEARCTIC	Aug. 19	1:17	114
7 furlongs	LA LONDE	Aug. 17	1:25 1/5	109
1 mile	FOOTMARK	Aug. 6	1:37 2/5	106
1 mile & 70 Yds.	DEEDIE	Aug. 13	1:41 2/5	110
1 1/16 miles	SCENE ONE	July 25	1:43	117
1 1/8 miles	WATERVALE	July 5	1:50 2/5	112
1 3/16 miles	CLAMBALA	Aug. 2	1:57 1/5	120
1 1/4 miles	BOOTS	Aug. 15	2:02 4/5	114
1 3/8 miles	OUR BESSIE	Aug. 9	2:21	102
1 1/2 miles	DOUBT	Aug. 28	2:32 4/5	103
1 5/8 miles	GAY STORY	Aug. 27	2:48 3/5	112
2 miles	ATTILA	July 25	3:35 1/5	113

Turf Course

1 mile	NIRDAR	July 18	1:38 4/5	118
1 1/66 miles	INFUSION	Aug. 15	1:43 2/5	115

<u>TRACK</u>	Percentage Winning Favourites 1956	Percentage Winning Favourites 1957	Percentage Favourites in Money 1956	Percentage Favourites in Money 1957
Fort Erie (Spring)	.34	.36	.64	.67
Old Woodbine (Spring)	.30	.32	.70	.67
Woodbine (Spring)	.32	.40	.64	.75
Fort Erie (Summer)	.34	.38	.72	.72
Old Woodbine (Fall)	.33	.33	.68	.67
Woodbine (Fall)	.30	.31	.68	.66

WINNERS OF ONTARIO STAKES, 1957

Stake	Date	Horse	Track	Amt. Won
Bold Venture	April 20	Pot Hunter	Fort Erie	\$ 3,810
Vigil	April 27	Pot Hunter	Fort Erie	3,815
Queenston	May 4	Faultless Maid	Fort Erie	3,775
Swynford	May 11	Canadian Champ	Old Woodbine	3,605
Ultimus	May 18	Argent	Old Woodbine	3,545
Friar Rock	May 20	Ballyrush	Old Woodbine	3,720
Eclipse	May 25	Swamp Fox	Old Woodbine	7,020
Star Shoot	May 27	Pink Velvet	Old Woodbine	3,640
Whimsical	May 29	Saragino	Old Woodbine	3,425
Marine	June 1	Tender Morsel	Old Woodbine	5,230
Inferno	June 1	Canadian Champ	Old Woodbine	5,130
Plate Trial (1)	June 3	Lyford Cay	Woodbine	3,510
Plate Trial (2)	June 3	Chopadette	Woodbine	3,510
Jacques Cartier	June 5	Censor	Woodbine	5,215
Woodbine Oaks	June 7	La Belle Rose	Woodbine	10,300
Highlander	June 8	Nirdar	Woodbine	5,695
Queen's Plate	June 8	Lyford Cay	Woodbine	26,070
My Dear	June 15	Tad	Woodbine	5,735
King Edward Gold Cup	June 15	Fleet Path	Woodbine	8,425
Woodstock	June 22	Lyford Cay	Woodbine	5,285
Maturity	June 22	Censor	Woodbine	12,885
Selene	June 29	Jet Marine	Woodbine	5,515
Prince of Wales	June 29	Our Sirdar	Woodbine	5,425
Dominion Day	July 1	Grand Canyon	Woodbine	21,600
Clarendon	July 3	Woodsrunner	Woodbine	6,045
Connaught Cup	July 6	Censor	Woodbine	5,345
Nassau	July 10	Pink Velvet	Woodbine	5,545
Toronto Cup	July 13	Pink Velvet	Woodbine	7,675
Victoria	July 13	Silver Ship	Woodbine	5,955
Fort Erie	July 15	Mr. Brief	Fort Erie	3,690
Bison City	July 20	Pink Velvet	Fort Erie	3,740
Fair Play	July 27	Marshall Ney II	Fort Erie	3,770
Summer	July 31	Silver Ship	Fort Erie	4,155
Heresy	July 31	Chopadette	Fort Erie	3,800
Canadian	Aug. 3	Mister Nick	Fort Erie	5,345
Fury	Aug. 5	Pink Velvet	Fort Erie	5,345
Yearling Sales	Aug. 7	Bright Page	Fort Erie	3,595
Auspicious	Aug. 10	Marshall Ney II	Fort Erie	3,500
Duchess	Aug. 14	Kitty Girl	Fort Erie	5,655
Achievement	Aug. 17	Chopadette	Fort Erie	3,610
Vandal	Aug. 21	Lady Yolande	Fort Erie	5,305
International	Aug. 24	Nearctic	Fort Erie	3,890
Colin	Aug. 28	Hathaway	Fort Erie	5,615
Niagara	Aug. 31	Marshall Ney II	Fort Erie	4,130
Sandown	Sept. 2	Red Rythm	Old Woodbine	7,700
Horometer	Sept. 7	Canadian Champ	Old Woodbine	5,405
Princess Elizabeth	Sept. 11	Bonnie Flight	Old Woodbine	5,215
Greenwood	Sept. 14	Ballydonnell	Old Woodbine	5,475
Fairbank	Sept. 18	Stinson's Boy	Old Woodbine	5,425
				5,305

Stake	Date	Horse	Track	Amt. Won
Nettie	Sept. 21	Kitty Girl	Old Woodbine	5,375
Carleton (1)	Sept. 21	Caledon Beau	Old Woodbine	3,670
Carleton (2)	Sept. 21	Happy Harry	Old Woodbine	3,670
Display	Sept. 28	Drummond	Old Woodbine	4,020
Autumn	Sept. 28	Freedom Parley	Old Woodbine	7,625
Breeders	Sept. 30	The Schreiber	Woodbine	7,325
Seaway	Oct. 5	Hartney	Woodbine	5,685
Maple Leaf	Oct. 5	Turn Me Loose	Woodbine	5,305
Seagram Cup	Oct. 9	Dorenes Lad	Woodbine	5,485
Shady Well	Oct. 12	Stole The Ring	Woodbine	5,715
Challenge	Oct. 12	Hartney	Woodbine	5,465
Jockey Club Cup	Oct. 14	Kitty Girl	Woodbine	12,700
Bunty Lawless	Oct. 19	Dorenes Lad	Woodbine	5,325
Coronation Futurity	Oct. 19	Stole The Ring	Woodbine	23,950
Belle Mahone	Oct. 23	La Belle Rose	Woodbine	5,225
Grey Stakes	Oct. 26	Salon	Woodbine	9,300
Canadian Championship	Oct. 26	Spinney	Woodbine	42,300
Mohawk	Nov. 2	Flying Trapeze	Woodbine	5,675
Cup and Saucer	Nov. 2	Chomiru	Woodbine	23,105
Tattling	Nov. 9	Kitty Girl	Woodbine	5,315
Durham Cup	Nov. 9	Hartney	Woodbine	11,350
Valedictory	Nov. 16	Bernfield	Woodbine	7,900

